



HIT *Arkansas*

Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center

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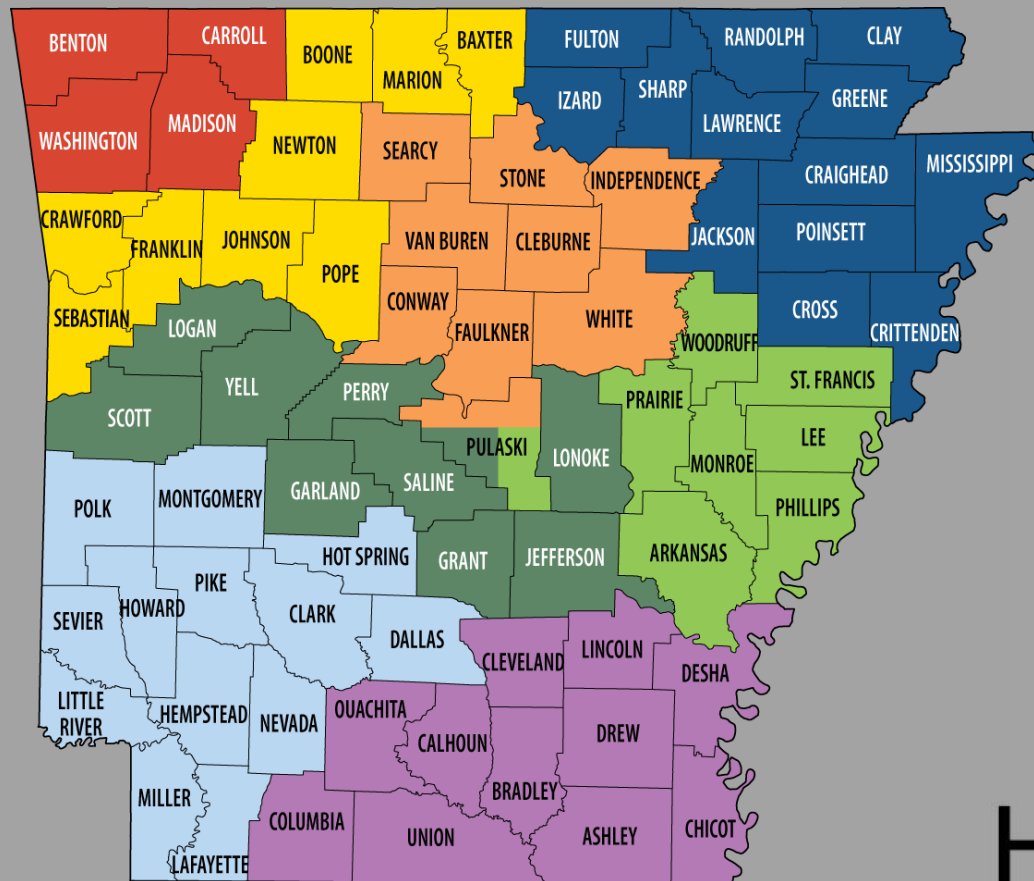
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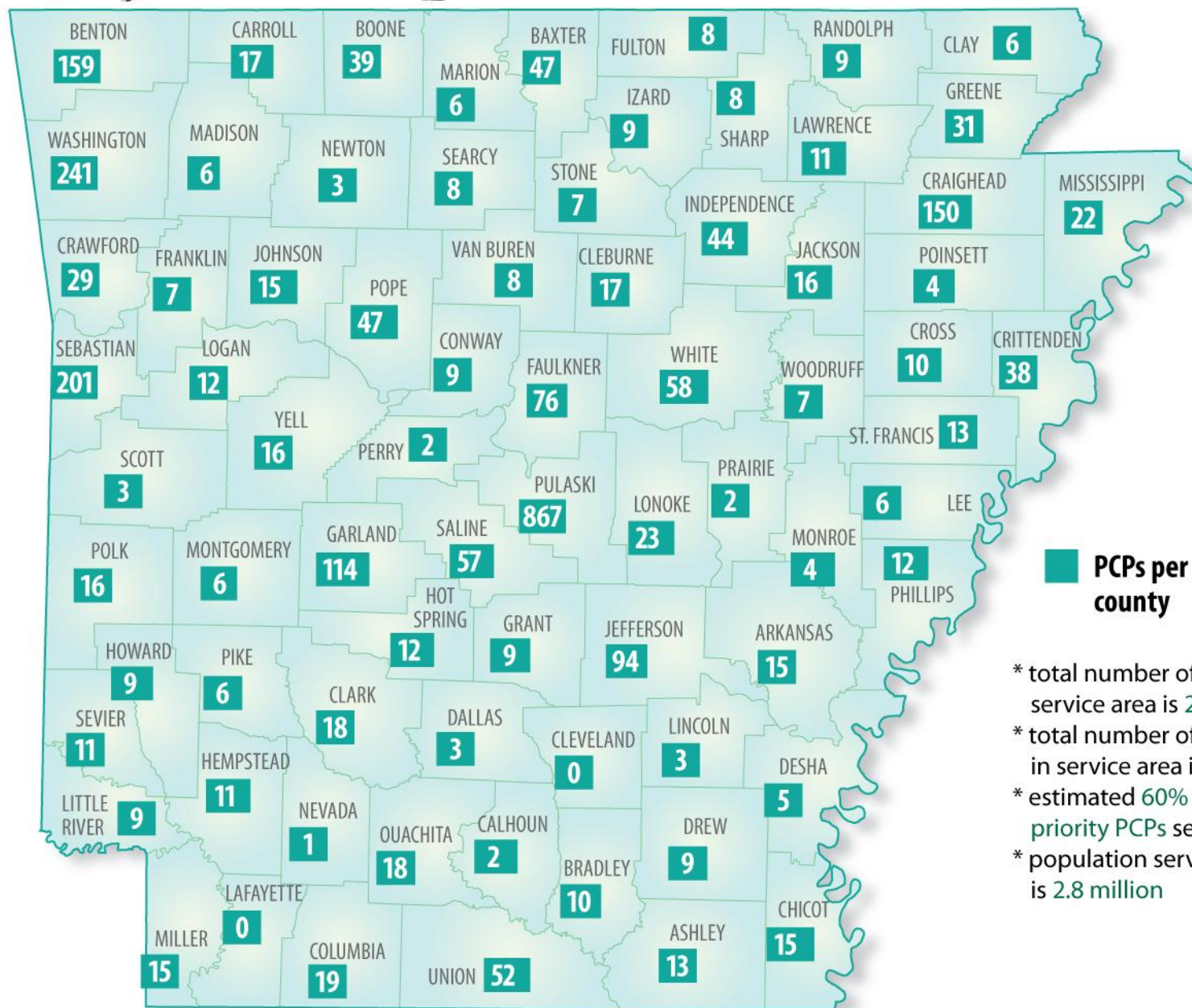
Mission: HITArkansas provides the training, support, technical assistance, outreach and collaboration to providers and stakeholders in the state to achieve the meaningful use of EHR's as defined by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC).

Vision: All Arkansas providers successfully implement EHR as an initial step in supporting the use of HIT across the state and participate in a statewide HIE for providers and patients. This infrastructure leads to a significant improvement in the quality of the healthcare delivered and, subsequently, the quality and safety of health for the citizens of Arkansas.



**Provider
Outreach &
Quality
Specialists
Regions**

HIT *Arkansas* Service Map



■ PCPs per county

- * total number of **PCPs** in service area is **2,970**
- * total number of **priority PCPs** in service area is **1,782**
- * estimated **60%** of **priority PCPs** served
- * population service area is **2.8 million**

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Sustainability Workgroup

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- ✓ Business plan
- ✓ Financial plan/budget
- ✓ Personnel budget
- ✓ Pro forma models
 - Years 1, 2, 3, 4
- ✓ Identification of products and consulting opportunities
- ✓ Back-up contracts/capabilities

Quality/Technical Assessment and Services Workgroup

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- ✓ Identification of technical tools
- ✓ Identification of implementation steps and requirements
- ✓ Provider "business case"
- ✓ Vendor evaluation criteria, selection and reporting
- ✓ Quality indicators evaluation, reporting and improvement trends
- ✓ Meaningful use identification/evaluation/implementation

HIT Executive Committee

Operational Oversight

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Project Management

Conceptual Framework Workgroup

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- ✓ Mission statement
- ✓ Organizational strategies
- ✓ Organizational integration
- ✓ Personnel requirements
 - Job descriptions
- ✓ Stakeholder identification and commitment

Marketing/Provider Outreach Workgroup

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- ✓ Identification of providers
- ✓ Commitment letters
- ✓ Media format and materials
- ✓ Marketing materials
- ✓ Quarter by quarter EHR implementation
- ✓ Strategic outreach plan and provider roll-out

HIT *Arkansas* Services

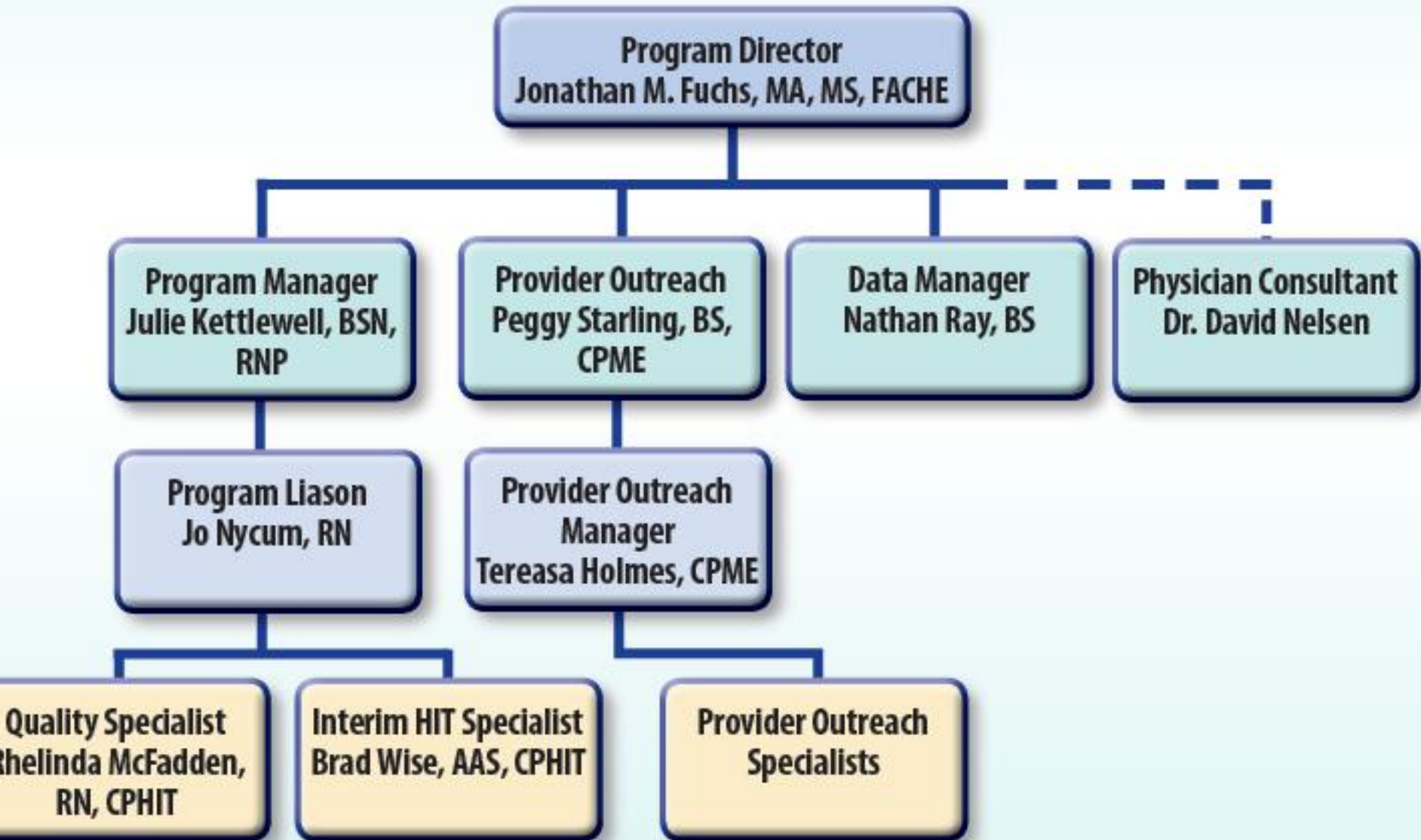
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- Support for practice and workflow redesign to achieve meaningful use of EHR system

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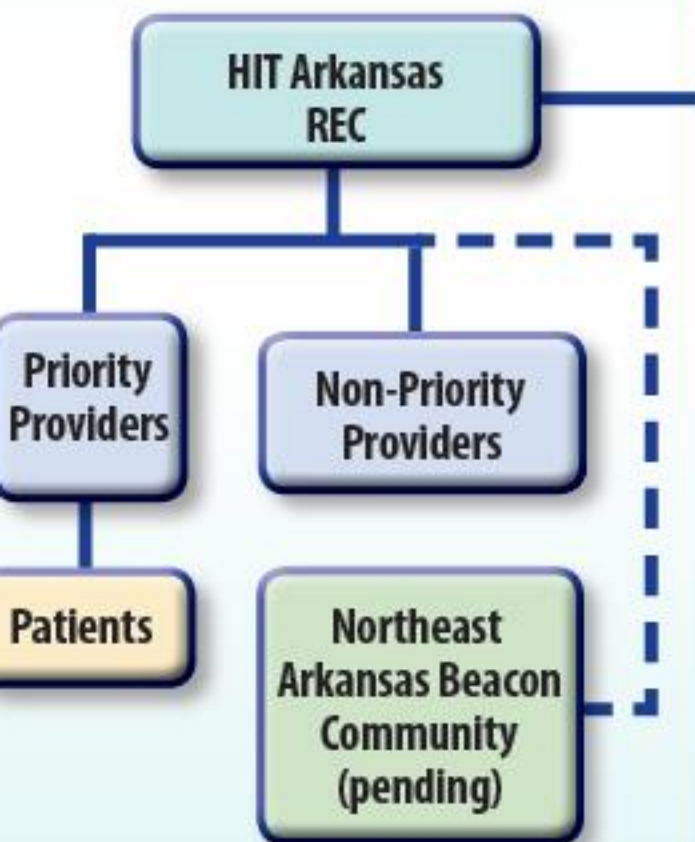
- Improved access to medical record information and better workflow
- Electronic lab results and elimination of duplicative tests
- Better management of chronic disease and improved preventive care
- Secure transfer of patient medical information across the health system, improving continuity of care
- Reduction in adverse drug events and prescribing errors
- Faster claims submission and automated billing
- Many other benefits

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Implementation staff organizational chart



Stakeholder list

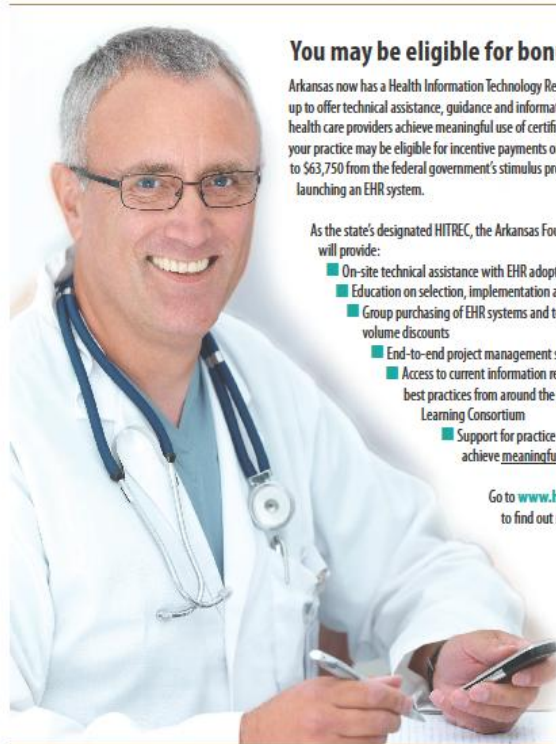


- Governor Mike Beebe
- Frank D. Scott, Jr. — Deputy Dir. of Policy, Office of Governor Mike Beebe
- Ray Scott — Coordinator for Statewide HIE
- Gene Gessow — Director, Arkansas Medicaid
- Joe Thompson, MD, MPH — Arkansas Surgeon General
- Paul Halverson, Dr P.H., FACHE — Arkansas Department of Health
- Claire Bailey — Ark. Chief Tech. Officer, Department of Information Services
- Amy Rossi, LCSW — Assoc. Director for Community Relations, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement
- B. Alan Sugg — President, University of Arkansas System
- Tom Butler — Vice Chancellor, University of Ark. for Medical Sciences
- Ed Franklin, Ed.D. — Executive Director Arkansas Association of Two Year Colleges
- John Ahlen, Ph.D. — President, Science and Technology Authority
- David Wroten — Executive Vice President, Arkansas Medical Society
- Carla Coleman — Executive Vice President, Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians
- Fraiser Edwards — Executive Director, Ark. Osteopathic Medical Association
- Sip Mouden — CEO, Community Health Centers
- Phil Matthews — President/CEO, Arkansas Hospital Association
- Amiee Berry — Executive Director, American Academy of Pediatrics
- Donna Childress — Executive Vice President, Arkansas Health Care Association
- Bill Rogers — State Office Director, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care

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You may be eligible for bonus payments

Arkansas now has a Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center, set up to offer technical assistance, guidance and information on best practices to help health care providers achieve meaningful use of certified EHR technology. You and your practice may be eligible for incentive payments or reimbursements of \$44,000 to \$63,750 from the federal government's stimulus program to offset the costs of launching an EHR system.

As the state's designated HITREC, the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care will provide:

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Helping Arkansas Health Care Providers Get Connected

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